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SEARCH ON FOR
ARIZONA'S MOST OUTSTANDING OLDER WORKER

(PHOENIX – March 26, 2003) – The Department of Economic Security Aging and Adult Administration is searching for Arizona's most outstanding older worker. For the sixth year, outstanding older workers from every state and outstanding employers of older workers will be honored in Washington, D.C. The Experience Works Prime Time Awards Program was launched in 1998 to highlight the valuable contributions that older workers are making to their communities and places of work. This year's Prime Time Awards Program week-long activities will be held in Washington D.C. from September 30 to October 5, 2003.

Arizona is currently soliciting nominations from businesses and individuals. Applicants must be 65 years of age or older, currently employed, and working a minimum of 20 hours a week in paid employment. The winner must be willing and able to travel to Washington, D.C., in September for the Prime Time Awards Program events. Applicants who are part of a subsidized employment program funded through local, state or national government support programs are not eligible for this award.

Nominations must include a brief narrative that describes the older worker's overall contribution to the business, including longevity, experience, skill level, work ethic, any disabilities the nominee has overcome to perform his/her job, and a description of his/her community involvement. Workers may enter themselves or be nominated by an employer, family or friends. The deadline for nominations is **June 2, 2003.**

To receive a nomination form by mail, send a post card or note to Prime Time Awards, c/o Pat Rink, Aging & Adult Administration (950A), 1789 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, or call (602) 542-6593. To access a nomination form online, go to the Experience Works Web site at www.experienceworks.org

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